

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1052
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James Nelson Scott,
retired Shelby County Coach and Educator.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is James Nelson Scott, who devoted thirty years to the education and instruction of the secondary students and athletes of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Allen White High School in Bolivar, Mr. Scott studied at Lane College in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, he served with distinction in the United States Navy for three years, joining the ranks of those gallant men and women who have defended our nation throughout its history and to whom we all owe our utmost respect and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott's first coaching job was at Brunswick Junior High School; the leadership, integrity, and devotion that he displayed in that position earned him the opportunity to teach and coach at Mount Pisgah High School; and

WHEREAS, a Health Instructor and Physical Education Teacher, he earned the respect and admiration of his Colleagues and the Eagle student body and community; on February 28, 2004, the Mount Pisgah High School Alumni Association held a banquet in Memphis in honor of their beloved former coach, who led the Eagles to great success on the fields of competition and taught them lessons that have been instrumental in their success in later life; and

WHEREAS, after three decades of service to the Shelby County School System, Coach Scott retired from Collierville High School; and

WHEREAS, the significance of his impact cannot be adequately measured by win-loss records, as his positive impact on the lives of students, athletes, fellow teachers, and administrators still resounds in the community today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mould the State's youth into solid citizens by imbuing them with solid principles and high standards through lessons taught on both athletic fields and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend James Nelson Scott for his lifetime of service to the youth of Tennessee, reflecting fondly upon his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and community leader in Shelby County, and offer our thanks for the dedication which he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.